

Merchantville, NJ

January 24, 2011

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 24, 2011. Mayor Frank M. North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Perno, Brennan, Fields, Volkert, Brickley, Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules, Attorney Higgins arrived late.

CORRESPONDENCE-Recommendation of Council Office Vacancy

Roll call vote to fill Council vacancy for 2011

On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mrs. Fields and a roll call vote, Council voted to fill vacancy with Agnes Madden.

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Perno, Brennan, Madden, Fields, Volkert, Brickley, Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules, Attorney Higgins.

PUBLIC

JANE WOSCHENKO, 8 Morris Street, Regarding the organization meeting, how are directors chosen? Mayor chooses assignments matching council to talents and abilities. Council meets with department heads and helps to work with policy.

BILL WALKER, 23 W Cedar Avenue, Agnes, welcome back, any help you may need, I would be willing to help you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Volkert, with Mrs. Madden abstaining, Council approved the regular meeting minutes for 1.3.11.

Old Business

Discussion-Update on Merchantville/Cherry Hill Consolidation Study. There was a conference call today with Mr. Neff, Mayor Platt, Mayor North and Mrs. Grifia. DCA would like to know what the status is of the Consolidation efforts between Merchantville and Cherry Hill are to date. Mr. Platt has most of his committee considered but is concerned with the committee that Mayor North has created. Mayor North stated that the true facts would be received with study and that he is confident that he has considered his committee carefully. Mayor Platt and Mayor North agreed to continue with the process and get the required information up to the State. Mr. Neff stated that as far as he was concerned no miss match of application form will be accepted by DCA.

New Business

Resolutions to be read by consent agenda: On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolutions by consent agenda:

R11-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROVE A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ST. PETER CHURCH**

WHEREAS, St. Peter Catholic Church has applied for and received an identification number 299-1-34957 allowing St. Peter Catholic Church the ability to conduct raffle licenses with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter Catholic Church has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination with checks to the Borough of Merchantville in the amount of \$20.00 each and checks to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the amount of \$20.00 each and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the application to the control commission and the date the license is issued to the applicant ; and

WHEREAS, Council person Fields, Director of the Department of Records and Licenses, has reported that the laws and regulations have been met, and that she recommends the granting of said license; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a Raffle license numbered 11-01SPC to St. Peter Catholic Church for the raffle taking place on May 13, 2011.

R11-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE BOROUGH EMPLOYEE OPT OUT HEALTH BENEFITS 25%

WHEREAS, the Personnel Manual of the Borough of Merchantville allows Borough employees that are eligible to receive health benefits to **OPT** out of the Borough health benefits; and

WHEREAS, it required that the employee has proven that they receive alternate health coverage and will advise the Borough if the alternate coverage is terminated; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Governing Body is required for the reimbursement of 25% of the annual cost of eligible coverage of HMO, prescription and dental costs for the employee based on single, family or husband/wife;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have approved reimbursement of benefits, effective January 1, 2011.

The following were walk on resolutions On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolutions by consent agenda:

R11-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REQUEST FOR BID OF BOROUGH LAWN CUTTING FOR BOROUGH PROPERTIES FOR THE PUBIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desire to go out to bid for lawn cutting for Borough properties for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be effective for the 2011 year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to requests bids for lawn cutting services for Borough properties and services known as attachment "A" for the Borough of Merchantville Department of Public Works.

Special Project grant Application for Community Center

On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brickley, Council agreed to move forward with Special Project Grant for Community Center.

R11-22

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REQUEST
FOR BID OF BOROUGH SNOW REMOVAL FOR BOROUGH
STREETS AND PROPERTIES FOR THE PUBIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desire to go out to bid for snow removal for Borough street and public properties for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be effective for the 2011 year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to requests bids for snow removal services for Borough streets and properties known as attachment "A" for the Borough of Merchantville Department of Public Works.

R11-23

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REQUEST
FOR BID OF BOROUGH LEAF COLLECTION FOR BOROUGH
STREETS AND PROPERTIES FOR THE PUBIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desire to go out to bid for leaf collection for Borough streets and properties for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be effective for the 2011 year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to requests bids for leaf collection services for Borough streets and properties known as attachment "A" for the Borough of Merchantville Department of Public Works.

R11-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REQUEST
FOR BID OF TEMPORARY LABOR FOR PUBIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desire to go out to bid for temporary labor services for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be effective for the first quarter of 2011 due to the temporary budget; and

WHEREAS, the total expense for temporary labor services for the 2011 year will not exceed \$**5,000.00**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to requests bids for temporary labor services known as attachment "A" for the Borough of Merchantville Department of Public Works.

R11-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,

**COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO
PREPARE THE EDI SPECIAL PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC has appropriated funds in the amount of \$166,250.00 for the Economic Development Initiative-Special Project (EDI-SP) specifically for construction, planning, rehabilitation and preservation of the Historic Merchantville Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that a grant application be completed and submitted by August 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to have the grant application completed by our Borough Engineer, for the cost not to exceed \$750.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the grant application.

DISCUSSION: Surplus Public Works equipment to consider selling. Council discussed what items to consider selling. Mayor North suggested that a list be given to council for approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder to Mayor and Council that one of the elected official's seminar will be on February 25th.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Agnes Madden the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK